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IN RE: INTERVIEW OF JEFFREY PASQUA

Interview of Jeffrey Pasqua pursuant to the
applicable provisions of the Municipal Code of the
City of Chicago and the City of Chicago Personnel
Rules taken at 300 West Adams Street, Suite 800,
Chicago, Illinois, on June 23, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

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1 MR. BROWN: As a preliminary matter I
2 am providing the following information: An
3 independent certified court reporter is
4 present today to provide a verbatim
5 transcript of this interview. To aid in the
6 accuracy of the transcript, it is the custom
7 and practice of court reporters to audio
8 record the interview. The recording is the
9 confidential work product of the court
10 reporter and will not be provided to any
11 party including the OIG. If you request, the
12 audio recording will be discontinued.

13 Well Mr. Pasqua, what do you --
14 what's your decision on that?

15 THE WITNESS: I am fine with it.

16 MR. BROWN: Fine. It's really just an
17 aid to them.

18 THE WITNESS: Okay.

19 MR. BROWN: There are other times when
20 people are like, you know, I don't want
21 anything recorded, or anything like that.
22 Let's see, I will get the official time.

23 Let the record reflect the time is
24 11:11. The date is June 23rd, 2016. We are

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1 located at Amicus Court Reporters, 300 West
2 Adams Street, Suite 800. My name is
3 Kristopher Brown. The court reporter is
4 Howard Reisman.

5 I would ask the other individuals
6 who are present to identify themselves and
7 spell their last name for the record.

8 MS. ANSARI: Sarah, S-A-R-A-H. Last
9 name is Ansari, A-N-S-A-R-I, of the Office of
10 Inspector General.

11 THE WITNESS: Investigator Jeff Pasqua.
12 The last name is P-A-S-Q-U-A, the Cook County
13 Sheriff's Police, Star No. 767.

14 MR. BROWN: There are no other
15 individuals present. We are here today
16 pursuant to an investigation being conducted
17 under Chapter 2-56 of the Municipal Code of
18 the City of Chicago.

19 We are here for the interview of
20 Cook County Sheriff Officer Jeffrey Pasqua.

21 Officer Pasqua, would you please
22 raise your right hand and the court reporter
23 will swear you in.

24 (Witness sworn.)

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JEFFREY PASQUA,

called as a witness herein, having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

EXAMINATION

BY MR. BROWN:

Q. Now, is it inaccurate to say Officer, or should I say Investigator Pasqua?

A. I earned it. Yes, you can call me Investigator or Jeff, whichever you feel more comfortable with.

Q. Okay. Yes, whatever, whatever's good with you. I mean, I just assumed it was Officer, but it was at the time, so. Got you.

You will get into all that and you can explain the changes.

You already gave us a little bit of the information, but can you give us your full name, your star number and your current unit assignments.

A. My full name is Jeffrey Pasqua. I'm an investigator with the Cook County Sheriff's Police, our Street Crimes Suppression Unit, my Star Number is 767.

Q. Now, what was your unit assignment on

1 October 20th, 2014? IN RE JEFFREY PASQUA

2 A. I was a member of the Bridgeview Patrol
3 Unit out of Cook County Sheriff's Police.

4 Q. And were you on a particular watch as
5 of October 20, 2014?

6 A. Yes. I was on our -- I was on our
7 first watch, which at that time starts from
8 9:00 p.m. and goes till 7:00 a.m.

9 Q. What was your chain of command on
10 October 20th, 2014?

11 A. I reported to Sergeant Michael Dwyer.

12 Q. And at some point you transitioned from
13 officer to investigator. Can you tell us when
14 that occurred?

15 A. That was the beginning of this year, of
16 2016, yes.

17 Q. Jeff, did you review any documentation
18 in preparation for this interview?

19 A. No, I have not.

20 Q. Okay. All right. Jeff, we want you to
21 walk us through the events that occurred on the
22 night of October 20, 2014. We'll try to ask
23 questions as you go along, but kind of give us the
24 story and we'll start there.

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1 A. Okay. Would you rather me start
2 when -- regarding the incident, when I got
3 involved, or how I got involved, or do you want me
4 to start when I started my shift, that I was
5 having a sandwich? I mean, how to you want to do
6 this?

7 MS. ANSARI: Only when you got
8 involved.

9 THE WITNESS: Okay.

10 BY MR. BROWN:

11 Q. What you got from dispatch or
12 something, or maybe just saw it and you could tell
13 us.

14 A. Yes, I will go into it.

15 I was down on a traffic stop on 51st
16 and Cicero when one of my partners, Officer Adam
17 Murphy, he was following three Chicago police
18 officers at my traffic stop when I was finishing
19 up. I had just about to step into my vehicle, he
20 stopped, he told me there was a police-involved
21 shooting. I then jumped in my vehicle and I
22 activated my emergency lights, and I also went
23 to -- went to the call, so I pursued -- I
24 basically followed Adam Murphy.

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1 Q. Got you. Do you know how Murphy knew
2 that there was a shooting?

3 A. I think he spoke to one of the CPD
4 officers, but I can't be certain. I'm speculating
5 on that.

6 Q. Do you guys share like a frequency
7 between Cook County and the CPD?

8 A. No, we don't.

9 Q. No. Okay. But its common just -- I
10 mean, officers out there, you just -- you
11 communicate with each other?

12 A. Yes, that's correct.

13 Q. Okay.

14 MS. ANSARI: You don't have a partner
15 in your vehicle?

16 THE WITNESS: No. Cook County
17 Sheriff's police officers as patrol units, we
18 are just a single person car.

19 MS. ANSARI: Okay.

20 BY MR. BROWN:

21 Q. So you're handling your traffic stop,
22 and that's when you got the word from Officer
23 Murphy, and then you go in support?

24 A. Yes.

1 Q. Did Officer Murphy mention which
2 officer told him about the shooting or did he give
3 any details like that?

4 A. No, there wasn't. I mean, it was kind
5 of a fast-paced situation. I'm finishing up my
6 traffic stop, I'm walking back to the vehicle, and
7 as I'm getting in my vehicle it's a quick, quick
8 change of events, the officer-involved shooting,
9 so as a police officer you -- you know, when you
10 hear that, any shooting, you want to make sure --
11 you go towards the danger. We don't walk away
12 from the danger, so.

13 Q. He notified you on your radio?

14 A. No, he physically pulled up right next
15 to me because they were all going. There were
16 three CPD units that flew right by me with running
17 their code lights and sirens, and then Officer
18 Murphy stopped, told me the situation, and then I
19 also jumped in --

20 Q. Got you.

21 A. -- and went to the situation.

22 Q. Okay. Do you have an estimated time?
23 This is somewhere after nine o'clock before ten
24 o'clock?

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1 A. I think it would be a fair assessment
2 because I remember it being the beginning of our
3 shift, but it's been almost two years at this
4 point so I couldn't be exact.

5 Q. All right. Tell us what happened next.

6 A. We went to -- we went to the location
7 where shots were fired. Upon arriving there,
8 there was, I want to say, approximately five to
9 six Chicago units that were already down. When I
10 pulled up I observed the scene, so I tried to
11 position my car to block any traffic coming from
12 southbound going northbound, so I would say I was
13 probably maybe about half a block down from the
14 scene.

15 Upon exiting my vehicle to walk to the
16 scene, one of the Chicago tactical officers, who
17 happens to be my old college roommate, exited his
18 vehicle. He called out to me, and obviously we
19 know each other, so he said, "Jeff," I said,
20 "Dan," and we walked up to the scene together, and
21 as we were walking, we could see an individual who
22 was shot, Laquan McDonald, kind of gasping for his
23 last breath of air.

24 I spoke to my friend, Tactical Officer

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1 Dan Goetz, and I asked him like -- I say -- you
2 know, he knows I was just new on there. I asked
3 him, "Is he dead?" And he says, "I don't think
4 so," and then Laquan gasped for like final two
5 breaths and he made like a gurgling sound, and his
6 color, it was very gray, discolored. It looked
7 like a lot of loss of blood, and it appeared to me
8 that he had taken his final breath.

9 Q. Okay.

10 THE COURT REPORTER: Goetz, is it
11 G-O-E-T-Z.

12 THE WITNESS: G-O-E-T-Z.

13 BY MR. BROWN:

14 Q. His first name is Daniel?

15 A. Daniel, yes.

16 Q. So, you arrive on the scene and you
17 position yourself to block traffic?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Were you close to the intersection of
20 41st and Pulaski or do you recall whereabouts you
21 were parked?

22 A. I was -- I was south of the scene.

23 Q. South. Okay.

24 A. So wherever -- wherever that --

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1 wherever he was laying there, I was south of that.

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. So when I pulled up, I kind of did a
4 little bit of a u-turn and went back the other
5 way, parked my vehicle, exited my vehicle, and
6 then I started coming, coming towards the scene,
7 so I was walking northbound on Pulaski.

8 Q. Got you.

9 MS. ANSARI: You didn't see any part of
10 the shooting.

11 THE WITNESS: No.

12 MS. ANSARI: McDonald was already down
13 when you got there.

14 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I didn't see
15 anything like that, so upon walking up to the
16 scene, I saw some shell casings. I saw a
17 knife. That was my observations. I really
18 couldn't tell what had just happened, so I
19 didn't speculate or anything like that. I
20 just kind of observed what I could and try
21 and piece together whatever I could, but I
22 didn't have any information. I don't have a
23 radio band, so I don't really know who was
24 involved in what shooting, so.

1 BY MR. BROWN: IN RE JEFFREY PASQUA

2 Q. On your way driving to the scene, were
3 you able to hear any of the shots?

4 A. No.

5 Q. As far as you know, all that had
6 already occurred?

7 A. Yeah. Like I said, when Adam Murphy
8 tells me an officer was involved in a shooting,
9 it -- I would have to guess that it had already
10 occurred and we were being more reactive than
11 going to something that was actually in the
12 process of it happening, so.

13 Q. Got you.

14 A. And with lights, sirens going, you are
15 not going to be able to hear it.

16 Q. And you would estimate that you were
17 maybe a block further south of the scene, or would
18 it be more than that?

19 A. I'd say about a half a block, maybe a
20 block, you know. Just trying to -- you know, when
21 you are -- it's not your -- see, you know, it's
22 not your department and it's not your area, you
23 try and find out how you can help without
24 interfering, so I was just trying to do what I

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1 thought was best, which is kind of block traffic
2 off with my vehicle, so I parked it perpendicular
3 obviously with -- or vertical compared to down.
4 As I said, I blocked the two lanes with my
5 vehicle, so.

6 Q. I want to kind of just ask generally.
7 How does that work, like that synergy I guess
8 between Cook County Sheriff's Office and CPD like?
9 Do you just help each other whenever a situation
10 occurs? Is there anything like a directive that
11 mandates you do anything? Like how does that play
12 out?

13 A. We do like -- we'll -- the way we
14 normally do things is like if we are assisting
15 another agency, we'll use a code for it. We'll
16 call it like a 4-John, which would just be assist
17 other agency, you know. No service was rendered
18 or service rendered, whatever.

19 Depending on the situation, if it
20 requires a paper job, we would call a 4-Sam. The
21 S would be for a Sam job, so the letters determine
22 what exactly -- what type of action we actually
23 took.

24 Q. So a paper job would mean you have to

1 author some kind of report?
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2 A. Correct.

3 Q. A 4-John is just more just I guess
4 other types of support without paperwork, correct?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. And what is this -- the October 20th
7 situation, that was a 4-John?

8 A. Yeah, we coded it off as a 4-John.

9 Q. Got you.

10 A. I believe. I know we didn't do a paper
11 job, but I think we coded off as 4-John. It was
12 an assist to another agency because after -- you
13 know, after a few moments, about being there for
14 ten minutes or so, you know, I told Officer Murphy
15 I think we should probably go because there were
16 so many police officers that arrived on scene,
17 that it did not appear that our help was going to
18 be needed, and I don't remember the supervisor
19 that I spoke with.

20 I asked him, you know, "I have tape.
21 Do you need me to do anything? Do you need me to
22 help you out with anything?" And he said, "No, we
23 are all good here," so that's when I decided that
24 me and Officer Murphy should probably leave the

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1 scene at that point.

2 Q. Got you. You don't recall who told you
3 that we are all good here?

4 A. No. I don't remember. Like I said,
5 the only reason I remember the one officer, the
6 tactical officer, is because it's my college
7 roommate, so other than that, you know, obviously
8 with all the news and everything like that, I
9 remember, you know, looking at Van Horn. He
10 looked very distraught when he --

11 Q. You mean Van Dyke?

12 A. Van Dyke, yes. Sorry. Van Dyke, he
13 looked very distraught. He was sitting in a squad
14 car. He looked very like out of breath, very
15 distressed. Colors like you mean -- he is a
16 fair-skinned gentleman, but he looked really,
17 really pale at the time even more, so it's just --
18 you know, I think like a sense of shock was kind
19 of coming over him as well.

20 So someone got him a bottle of water,
21 you know, to try and just calm him down a little
22 bit, so.

23 Q. Did you talk to him at all, being Van
24 Dyke?

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1 A. I just -- I just said words of
2 encouragement, I said, you know, "Don't worry,
3 everything will be okay." I mean, he really
4 didn't really acknowledge me. I meet a lot of
5 people, you know, just trying to make him feel
6 better at least a little bit because it's a -- you
7 know, it's a tragic situation that just occurred.

8 Q. Someone had told you that this was the
9 officer that was involved in the shooting?

10 A. No one told me, no, but I mean, you
11 can -- you can kind of -- like I mean, when you're
12 looking around and you see officers are trying to
13 do things, and then you see one guy that's just
14 kind of, you know, in complete shock and
15 everything like that, you kind of figure it out,
16 but I didn't really figure out that until I was
17 like who shot -- like where's -- where's the gun
18 who shot? I thought it was a drive by to be
19 honest with you.

20 I really didn't understand what the
21 whole totality of the situation was at the time,
22 so -- and then they said no, that was -- I don't
23 remember. Like "he is over there," you know.
24 Wow.

1 So at the time, I was a new officer.
2 It's the first time I've ever seen anyone shot, so
3 for me it was somewhat of a traumatic experience
4 as well seeing someone shot like that, so.

5 Q. You mentioned you were a new officer.
6 When did you start on with Cook County?

7 A. 2013 of July. I transferred from the
8 jail to the Cook County Sheriff's Police.

9 Q. And how long did you work in the jail?

10 A. Three years.

11 Q. Okay.

12 EXAMINATION

13 BY MS. ANSARI:

14 Q. So what you are saying is you don't
15 recall any -- besides Jason Van Dyke, because on
16 the news, there was no one at the time or now that
17 you can identify by name, though, correct?

18 A. Just --

19 Q. Besides your college roommate?

20 A. Yes, besides my college roommate and
21 Adam Murphy.

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. Any of the other police officers that

24 were on scene, I don't -- I'm not aware of, so
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1 Q. Okay. Which is understandable. We are
2 just curious, so.

3 EXAMINATION

4 BY MR. BROWN:

5 Q. So you get to the scene, you position
6 your car to block traffic, you get out and you see
7 Officer Goetz and then you start walking towards
8 McDonald?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And you said you kind of observed what
11 you believe to be his last -- his last moments?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Okay. I know you mentioned him
14 gurgling. Did you hear him say any words,
15 anything that you could make out?

16 A. No. I mean, I'll never forget like
17 those last gasps that he took. I never seen
18 anything like it before, so, you know, the sounds
19 were just pretty, pretty traumatic, so.

20 Q. Wow. Were you close to him, like did
21 you get close enough to, I don't know, touch him
22 on the shoulder or anything like that?

23 A. No, I wasn't that close. My partner --
24 well, Adam Murphy had actually -- he had put

1 some -- the rubber gloves on. It was like
2 going -- he was going to attempt -- he actually
3 got down on his knees and said, "Don't -- you
4 know, don't worry, buddy, you know, help's on the
5 way," but I didn't -- I would say I was maybe
6 about ten feet away, so -- from him approximately.
7 I'm sorry.

8 MS. ANSARI: Did any other officers
9 approach McDonald like -- you know, your
10 colleague Adam Murphy went up and said, you
11 know, tried to comfort him, and did any --
12 did you see any other CPD officers trying to
13 do some -- or approach him?

14 THE WITNESS: There were two other
15 officers I believe that were right next to
16 Murphy, but -- but they didn't put on any
17 rubber gloves or anything like that. I would
18 be -- I would be guessing if I said one of
19 them said anything like that, that the fire
20 department is on the way or anything like
21 that. I don't recall, so.

22 MS. ANSARI: Okay.

23 BY MR. BROWN:

24 Q. And you mentioned the codes like the

1 4-John.

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Did you have to notify or radio
4 dispatch to tell them like, yeah, I'm going to
5 stop here, I'm going to offer assistance to CPD on
6 the matter or --

7 A. Yeah. They actually -- they knew we
8 were going to that scene and then we advised them,
9 you know, the situation.

10 Murphy said there's a whole bunch of
11 CPD units going towards an officer-involved
12 shooting, we are en route, and then you can hear
13 me on the radio transcript as well. You can --
14 you'll hear me chime in and say, you know, I'm en
15 route as well, so I think -- I think my call sign
16 that night was I think 5150 maybe, and I'm not
17 sure if Adam's was 5141.

18 I know the transcripts, they were --
19 like when this first came out and everything like
20 that, the transcripts were all over the internet
21 and everything, so you were able to -- able to
22 hear our transcripts.

23 Q. I've got a good idea, but I just want
24 you to explain call sign just so I make sure
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1 it's -- I'm clear about that?

2 A. Okay. So we were out of Bridgeview.
3 That's the 5th District. All right. So that's
4 where the five comes in. The one is because we
5 are the first watch, so we are 51, and the beat
6 was 41, that would be like our central Stickney
7 area. That's where Adam Murphy was working, I
8 believe that night.

9 Now, I was 5150, which was I was a
10 cover car, so which means I just kind of stay
11 within the central Stickney area. I kind of -- in
12 case Adam goes down on a call or something of that
13 nature and there's another call that comes in, I
14 would go ahead and take that call, so, but,
15 otherwise, I would be kind of like a floating car
16 where, you know, I kind of move throughout the
17 county within the 5th District, so.

18 Q. You are there to assist whenever it is
19 needed in that district?

20 A. Yes, that's correct, yes.

21 Q. Got you. Okay. So you informed
22 dispatch like we are going to head over to provide
23 assistance of this matter. When you get done with
24 the scene, do you have to tell dispatch like okay,

1 now I'm done with that and now I'm going to return
2 back to the district?

3 A. Yes, yes, that's -- we advise them on
4 the radio that we are -- our 10 code is 10-8 back
5 in -- back in service, so we are leaving that
6 scene and we are going back to our district, so.

7 Q. Okay. If you had to estimate, how long
8 were you on the scene there?

9 A. I would say approximately 10 to 15
10 minutes, but I can't be 100 percent sure. It
11 wasn't an extensive time because, like I said,
12 when there are so many officers that arrive on
13 scene, you know, you kind of get a gist that
14 you're -- that they have their scene handled and
15 everything, so that's kind of what I observed and,
16 like I said, I spoke to one of the supervisors and
17 he said, "No, we are good here."

18 So, you know, it was just kind of one
19 of those things where I told Adam, "I think it's
20 time for us to leave," because, you know, the
21 sergeant, he advised us that he doesn't need our
22 help, so we are not going to do anything but
23 probably get in the way of whatever their
24 investigation is.

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1 MS. ANSARI: There was a uniformed
2 sergeant that told you?

3 THE WITNESS: Yes.

4 MS. ANSARI: Okay. Were any detectives
5 on scene at that point before you left?

6 THE WITNESS: I don't recall. There
7 was -- like I said, it was a sea of -- sea of
8 Chicago officers that just arrived, so.

9 MS. ANSARI: Okay.

10 BY MR. BROWN:

11 Q. And you mentioned your college
12 roommate, Officer Goetz. Did you speak with him
13 at all regarding what happened there?

14 A. At the time?

15 Q. Yes?

16 A. Just -- he told me that -- I'm trying
17 to think -- on his radio band said that there was
18 an individual that was attacking their police
19 vehicle or something like that. It was just kind
20 of like -- just like short talk real quick because
21 obviously he's been -- he's got a job to do, so I
22 said, "All right, look, be safe," you know, "I'll
23 see you later."

24 Q. Okay.

1 A. Then that's when I left the scene, so.

2 Q. Got you. You didn't have any other
3 conversation with Officer Goetz other than that?

4 A. No. I mean, just -- you know, when we
5 see -- obviously we hang out, you know. We just
6 said -- you know, when we talk we just say, "That
7 was messed up," you know, like seeing that. He
8 said, "Unfortunately, he is a tactical officer in
9 the 8th District." He's like, "I have seen this
10 stuff before," so at the time I hadn't seen it, so
11 it was my first time, he's like, "Yeah, it's
12 rough," so.

13 Q. I can imagine.

14 A. So it's just not something that we
15 really wanted to talk about, so.

16 MS. ANSARI: When you say, really was
17 messed up, like kind of it was messed up that
18 someone got shot or -- I guess, what do you
19 mean? Can you explain?

20 THE WITNESS: Watching a person die by
21 gunshot wounds. It's pretty -- like I said,
22 it's traumatic, so regardless of the
23 situation, whatever it may be, just -- you
24 know, it's unfortunate that, you know, these

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1 things happen. IN RE JEFFREY PASQUA

2 MS. ANSARI: Okay. Yes.

3 BY MR. BROWN:

4 Q. Other than speaking with Officer Goetz
5 and the sergeant who kind of told you that they
6 were -- that things were good there, do you recall
7 speaking with any other CPD officers on the scene?

8 A. No.

9 Q. No. Okay. At your time at the scene,
10 do you recall any conversations the other officers
11 might have had?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Okay. I know you mentioned you had a
14 brief interaction with Van Dyke. Do you recall
15 any other brief interactions with anybody else,
16 any other officers on the scene?

17 A. No.

18 Q. And you were in your marked Sheriff's
19 office vehicle?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Okay. I know you mentioned Murphy was
22 in his own separate vehicle.

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Would it be accurate to say he is -- it

1 probably wouldn't be accurate to say. He's like a
2 partner even though he is in his -- you know, you
3 are the same district, but he is in his different
4 vehicle? What would you really call him, like
5 just another support vehicle, or what would be a
6 good term?

7 A. He's -- he is a beat car, so the way we
8 describe it is, so the next beat over is typically
9 his partner, but me being a cover car, I'm kind of
10 everyone's partner.

11 Q. Got you?

12 A. So, you know, there's no real specific,
13 you know, how it works. I mean, I would be in the
14 district or I would be in his beat, so yeah, I
15 would be there to support him for whatever,
16 whatever -- whatever calls he may receive or
17 anytime he goes out on any initiated calls or
18 anything.

19 Q. You mentioned, at a certain point you
20 spoke with Officer Murphy and said, like it's good
21 to go here and they've got it under control. Do
22 you recall any other further conversation with
23 Officer Murphy while you were at the scene?

24 A. Well, we went back to 47th. There was

1 a McDonald's on 47th and Cicero, and we kind
2 of -- just kind of debriefed each other on, you
3 know, the situation, the scenario.

4 He was my FTO. He's the one that
5 trained me.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. So, you know, we were trying -- we try
8 and learn from every situation, so we discussed it
9 and we really didn't understand like what the
10 situation that transpired, so we tried speculating
11 so, well, you know, with the little information
12 that we did have, like I don't know how they are
13 going to handle that situation because we really
14 didn't know what the situation at the time, what
15 it was.

16 So I mean, all we -- the little bit of
17 information that we got was that there was an
18 individual with a knife, so that was -- that
19 attacked the vehicle, and somewhere in there --
20 that was like the limited information we had.

21 So we were trying to speculate what we
22 would do in that situation, you know, if we were
23 being attacked by someone with a knife, what would
24 we do. I said that I think it's a good shoot all

1 day, I'm like, if you are being attacked, but
2 obviously we don't -- we don't get to see any
3 video footage, you know, and we can Monday morning
4 quarterback things as much as we want, but until
5 you are in that situation, you can only just talk
6 about what you would have, should have, could have
7 done.

8 Q. You mentioned video footage. Did you
9 see any video footage while you were on the scene
10 for those 10 to 15 minutes?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Okay.

13 MS. ANSARI: Did you see anyone else
14 watching video footage?

15 THE WITNESS: No.

16 MS. ANSARI: There was no indication
17 that there was a video at the time while you
18 were there?

19 THE WITNESS: The first time I've seen
20 the video was when it came out to the public.
21 That was the first time because when I had my
22 federal grand jury, I spoke with the FBI, he
23 had led on saying, "You know, there's some
24 videos," and I haven't seen any video. He

1 said, "You'll see it soon enough, you know,
2 it will be out there," so.

3 BY MR. BROWN:

4 Q. So you are debriefing it at the
5 McDonald's on 47th. Did Officer Murphy say
6 anything about, like McDonald said this to me, or
7 I heard McDonald mention this in his last moments,
8 or anything like that?

9 A. No.

10 Q. Okay. Did Officer Murphy mention any
11 conversation he had with anybody on the scene or
12 with any of the other CPD officers?

13 A. None that I recall.

14 MS. ANSARI: Was there any conversation
15 among you and Murphy or on the scene with
16 Goetz about whether the shooting was
17 justified?

18 THE WITNESS: No.

19 MS. ANSARI: No. Okay. Because you
20 said earlier that you and Officer Murphy,
21 when you guys were discussing just -- you
22 didn't know all the facts, so there wasn't
23 really a conclusion to make about what had
24 happened.

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1 THE WITNESS: Like I said, we can
2 speculate and we can Monday morning
3 quarterback, but we weren't on the scene, so.

4 MS. ANSARI: Got it.

5 THE WITNESS: How can you -- how can
6 you come to a conclusion of something when
7 you are not a part of it?

8 MS. ANSARI: Okay.

9 BY MR. BROWN:

10 Q. That's just part of that we just want
11 to ask, if you heard anything while you were
12 there, like anybody say like oh, this is -- this
13 was a good shoot, or I think this was justified,
14 or, you know, anything like that?

15 A. I mean, if they said it, I don't recall
16 it, you know, but, you know, it's over two years
17 old.

18 Q. Other than Officer Goetz and Van Dyke,
19 did you recognize anybody else on the scene?

20 A. I didn't recognize Van Dyke because I
21 didn't know who he was until after the fact, so,
22 but other than that, no. Just Murphy, myself and
23 Officer Goetz.

24 Q. Got you. So you get done, you debrief

1 with Officer Murphy at the McDonald's. What do
2 you do after that?

3 A. Do our job.

4 Q. Resume patrol?

5 A. To our beats, yeah.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. To our jobs. We go back to working our
8 beats.

9 Q. So you resume patrol. Did you have to
10 author any reports about your observations from
11 that night?

12 A. No.

13 Q. No. Other than doing the notification
14 to dispatch, did you have to do anything else?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Okay.

17 MS. ANSARI: On the scene -- I mean
18 I -- did you hear anything on the scene
19 that -- of people like expressing concern
20 about the shooting, like it might have been a
21 mistake or anything like that.

22 THE WITNESS: No.

23 MS. ANSARI: No. Okay.

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1 BY MR. BROWN: IN RE JEFFREY PASQUA

2 Q. When you are doing a support to like a
3 CPD, you know, like a 4-John, is it the typical
4 situation that you are not going to have to do any
5 paper on that, or is it atypical that you have to
6 do paper?

7 A. No. Up until this situation, our
8 police department, we've never really done any
9 paper jobs on an assist.

10 Q. Got you.

11 A. But this situation, that led to us
12 changing our policy now to where we actually -- if
13 we assist another agency and it's something of
14 this magnitude, then we will -- we will do a paper
15 job on it.

16 Q. Would that be like a to-from memo or --

17 A. No, it will be -- it will be one of our
18 incident reports, so it will be just similar to
19 any other case that we may work. It will be on an
20 OI, as we call it, an Offense Incident Report.

21 Q. You said Offense Incident Report?

22 A. Yeah.

23 Q. Got you.

24 MS. ANSARI: Why do they feel like the

1 change needed to be made after this incident?

2 THE WITNESS: Well, I think that -- I
3 don't think that the Sheriff -- I'm not sure
4 or not whether he had full information that
5 we were on the scene, so I think maybe our
6 administration was aware of it, but I don't
7 know if the chain of command, how far it
8 goes.

9 MS. ANSARI: Okay.

10 THE WITNESS: So when it's something of
11 this magnitude, obviously they would like to
12 know, you know, exactly what -- how we
13 participated in this event. Therefore, this
14 way, you know, the media is not the one
15 informing our department or whatever,
16 whatever it may be.

17 MS. ANSARI: Got it.

18 THE WITNESS: So I mean, I understand
19 the change.

20 BY MR. BROWN:

21 Q. When you got back to the -- or I guess
22 finished your tour for that night, did you have
23 to, I guess, notify your sergeant as to what
24 happened that night?

1 A. I don't -- I don't recall. I mean, I
2 don't -- I know we didn't speak to him about it,
3 so I really don't recall, you know, because he is
4 actually my sergeant now, too, and I don't -- I
5 don't remember talking to him about it, so I think
6 maybe, as you said, CPD was involved in a
7 shooting, I think that's pretty much the gist of
8 it, but fortunately, the day that we live in, it
9 seems like there's a shooting, multiple shootings
10 every day, so the severity of it has kind of lost
11 its -- I guess its lackluster where people are
12 just like, oh my God. Now they are -- like I
13 understand, so I think it was one of those
14 situations, you know.

15 Q. All right. And it sounds like your
16 involvement wasn't significant, like you didn't
17 have to do a whole lot there, so it probably
18 didn't rise to the level where you had to brief
19 your sergeant, hey, I did A, B, C on the scene.
20 It was more like I provided support on the scene?

21 A. Exactly, yeah, so, you know, if we had
22 more involvement, I could understand during --
23 doing a paper job on it, doing the paperwork or
24 anything like that, but I didn't -- I didn't

1 really know how I was going to articulate it where
2 it had any significance saying like I came there,
3 you know, attempted to provide support to Chicago.
4 I was told that I wasn't needed, I left, so the
5 details of this, of what we are speaking of right
6 now, these are the details that obviously matter.

7 Q. Sure. And you kind of -- you touched
8 on maybe superiors of way above us didn't exactly
9 know what happened.

10 We became aware of an article in
11 December, 2015. I'm sure you are also aware of
12 that article.

13 Can you kind of tell us what happened
14 after that article, or if anything did happen,
15 after that article in your --

16 A. I don't know. Which article?

17 Q. Okay. It was a --

18 A. Was my name in it?

19 Q. It was a --

20 A. Most of the articles said Adam Murphy
21 and another police officer, so I guess I was the
22 fortunate one not to have my name drawn throughout
23 the media.

24 MS. ANSARI: This one had your name.

1 MR. BROWN: Yes, this one. We'll make
2 this an exhibit. Show Jeff this.

3 December 10th, 2015, CBS Chicago
4 article printed off online titled, "Sheriff's
5 Officers Try to Comfort Laquan McDonald as
6 Teen Lay Dying, Officials."

7 (Pasqua Exhibit No. 1 was marked
8 for identification.)

9 BY MR. BROWN:

10 Q. Take a minute and take a look at that.

11 MS. ANSARI: It's accompanied with a
12 video store. I think your deputy chief was
13 interviewed.

14 THE WITNESS: Oh, okay. Was this Chief
15 Wright, Dana Wright?

16 MS. ANSARI: Yes, yes.

17 THE WITNESS: Okay. Yeah, I think I
18 remember reading this.

19 BY MR. BROWN:

20 Q. And my only question after reading the
21 article is, there was a statement that Dart issued
22 kind of summarizing your activity and Officer
23 Murphy's activity. I'm just wondering, did you
24 have any involvement in that statement, the press

1 release that was issued by Sheriff Dart?

2 A. No. The Sheriff doesn't talk to his
3 officers. He talks to his administration.

4 Q. That's why I was just curious. I
5 thought they might have, you know, up the chain,
6 maybe a sergeant or maybe somebody above that
7 might have been like hey, officers, tell me --
8 give me a quick rundown of what happened that
9 night so I can, you know, brief people above me.

10 A. Right. And, like I said, normally how
11 our previous policy was, we weren't -- we weren't
12 required to really do a paper, paper job on it or
13 anything of that nature.

14 We did meet with Dana Wright, Chief
15 Wright. We met with her prior to her speaking
16 with the media on that, though, so me and Adam
17 were brought to her office and basically what's
18 transpiring here is exactly what transpired with
19 her as well, so that she had an understanding of
20 what our involvement was in that incident.

21 Q. Okay. So you relayed all the details
22 to Chief Wright and then the assumption is that
23 that narrative was used to craft the press
24 statement that then went out?

1 A. Yes, that's correct.

2 Q. I know you've already said you didn't
3 have to author anything like any memos after this
4 point?

5 A. No.

6 Q. It was just a verbal --

7 A. No, I don't recall. I am not sure if I
8 had to, no, because I turned in my subpoena and
9 everything for the FBI and everything like that,
10 so I don't recall writing any to-from memo or
11 memorandums, or anything of that nature.

12 Q. You mentioned the subpoena from the
13 FBI. That occurred prior to the press statement
14 coming out?

15 A. Yes, that's correct. I went to the
16 federal grand jury in August of 2015.

17 Q. Do you recall where you gave your
18 statement or if you gave a statement?

19 A. I mean, I have testified in federal
20 grand jury.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. So that was at the -- was it the
23 Leighton Building or not?

24 MS. ANSARI: Like Dearborn, federal?

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1 THE WITNESS: Okay. Yeah, the federal.

2 BY MR. BROWN:

3 Q. Okay. Can you kind of detail us how
4 that event worked, you know, what you were asked?

5 A. I'm not really allowed to discuss that.

6 Q. Okay. Is there -- I'll try to do it a
7 different way. Were you asked questions about the
8 events of what occurred on October 20th, 2014?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Was the information you disclosed to
11 the grand jury significantly different than what
12 you have told us today?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Okay. Were you shown any documents or
15 videos at the grand jury?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Okay. Do you recall about how long you
18 gave testimony at the grand jury?

19 A. I think it was approximately 30, 40
20 minutes maybe.

21 Q. Okay. All right.

22 MS. ANSARI: Before you went into
23 the -- when was the first time you were
24 contacted by the FBI or State's Attorney?

1 THE WITNESS: I believe -- I want to
2 say it was July.

3 MS. ANSARI: Okay.

4 THE WITNESS: So.

5 MS. ANSARI: And did you meet with them
6 in anticipation -- before your grand jury
7 statement.

8 THE WITNESS: No, they came to my home.

9 MS. ANSARI: Oh, they came to your
10 home? Okay.

11 THE WITNESS: To serve me my subpoena,
12 which I happily invited him in and I was down
13 on duty injury at the time, so I wasn't
14 working, so it was nice to actually see
15 someone in law enforcement.

16 MS. ANSARI: Okay. So you guys had a
17 conversation. Did you talk about what you
18 saw that night?

19 THE WITNESS: He had some questions,
20 asking me if I observed a -- observed a
21 vehicle that was in -- I believe it was in
22 the Dunkin Donuts.

23 MS. ANSARI: Okay.

24 THE WITNESS: I told him no, I told him no, I told him no,
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1 recall any vehicle, whatever information, so
2 I guess they were looking into some --
3 something on that, maybe for potential
4 witnesses of the events or anything of that
5 nature.

6 MS. ANSARI: Okay.

7 THE WITNESS: I couldn't assist in that
8 matter.

9 MS. ANSARI: Okay. So he served you
10 the subpoena, you said July, right? July.
11 About July?

12 THE WITNESS: Yeah, it was in July.

13 MS. ANSARI: Okay.

14 THE WITNESS: I am not 100 percent
15 sure, though.

16 MS. ANSARI: And there were no other
17 conversations in between that and the one
18 you --

19 THE WITNESS: No.

20 MS. ANSARI: -- with any federal
21 authorities until you went to the grand jury.

22 THE WITNESS: No.

23 MS. ANSARI: Okay.

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1 BY MR. BROWN:

2 Q. You mentioned the FBI agent asked about
3 witnesses. I just want to ask, on your time at
4 the scene on October 20th, 2014, did you speak to
5 any witnesses or any -- thought to be a witness of
6 the incident?

7 A. No. I mean we -- you know, I observed
8 the kind of -- what the situation was, tried to
9 assist in any way that I could, and from that
10 point on, I just, you know, spoke to Dan and I
11 spoke to Adam, and that was it. That was it.

12 Q. Got you.

13 MS. ANSARI: Did you see civilian
14 witnesses around?

15 THE WITNESS: No.

16 MS. ANSARI: Okay. Do you know how the
17 news, the media, got a hold of your guys'
18 names?

19 THE WITNESS: I don't.

20 MS. ANSARI: Okay. Just --

21 THE WITNESS: That's actually a good
22 question. I don't know. I know how they --
23 how the FBI found us was from a video
24 surveillance. They saw Murphy's vehicle and

1 then they contacted someone in our
2 department, and then all of a sudden the FBI
3 was calling me on my phone.

4 MS. ANSARI: Okay. Yes, I think
5 your -- the Cook County video -- your car is
6 on -- or his car is on one of the videos.

7 MR. BROWN: It wouldn't be a Chicago --

8 THE WITNESS: I think it was -- I think
9 it was the Dunkin Donuts camera. I think
10 that's where they -- I think they told me they
11 spotted Murphy's car.

12 MS. ANSARI: Okay.

13 BY MR. BROWN:

14 Q. Yes, you can see the vehicle in that
15 video, and then one of the Beat 845 cars for CPD,
16 you can see two -- I believe it's yourself and
17 Officer Murphy. You can see both you guys coming
18 into view, kind of laying the video, but it's
19 really blurry. It's hard to tell, you know, who's
20 who, but it --

21 A. If I'm allowed to say, it's either us
22 or the state.

23 MS. ANSARI: Yes, you can tell --

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1 BY MR. BROWN:

2 Q. It was like that. CPD's are blue, you
3 guys are brown, so I was like banking this,
4 banking that is probably them.

5 Well, knowing we are investigating, do
6 you feel that there's anything that we didn't ask
7 you, something that, you know, you would like to
8 add, we just didn't elicit from you?

9 A. I -- like I say, I wish I could provide
10 more information. I wish I had more of a role in
11 this, so then I could help a little bit better
12 with whatever investigation you guys are looking
13 into, but unfortunately, I was a -- you know, I
14 was a very small piece of this puzzle here, so I
15 really didn't have much influence on what was
16 going to.

17 MS. ANSARI: This is very helpful and
18 we appreciate, you know, every -- we've got
19 to gather all the information and everything.
20 It's helpful.

21 THE WITNESS: Absolutely. I
22 understand.

23 MR. BROWN: All right. Well, that's
24 all we have. We'll say the time is now 11:50

1 and this interview is concluded.

2 (Witness excused.)

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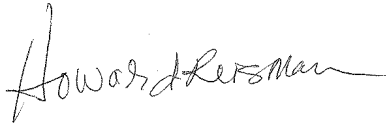
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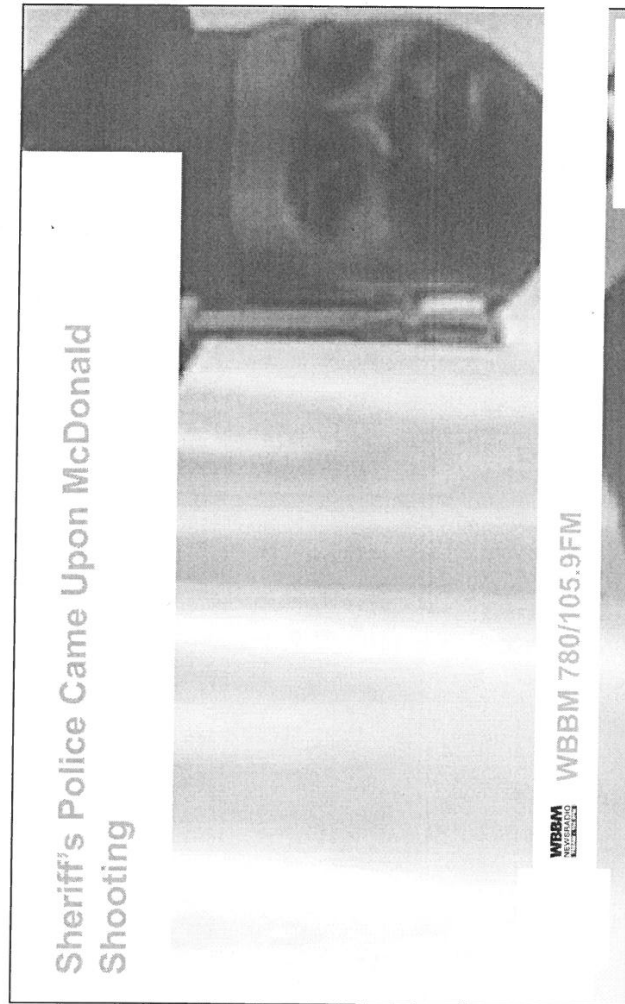
(CBS) – Top officials in the Cook County Sheriff's office say they learned just this week that two of their officers were on the scene last year when a Chicago Police officer shot and killed 17-year-old Laquan McDonald.

Sheriff Tom Dart's Chief of Policy, Cara Smith, says Officer Adam Murphy arrived 20 to 30 seconds after Laquan McDonald had been shot, in October 2014, and another sheriff's officer arrived seconds after that.

"The Chicago police (were) clear that they had the situation under control. Our officer, Adam Murphy, did kneel down next to Laquan and urged him to hang in there, that there was an ambulance coming, and believed he died with our officer by his side," Smith tells WBBM's Steve Miller.

“And then our officers cleared the scene and resumed their normal patrol.”

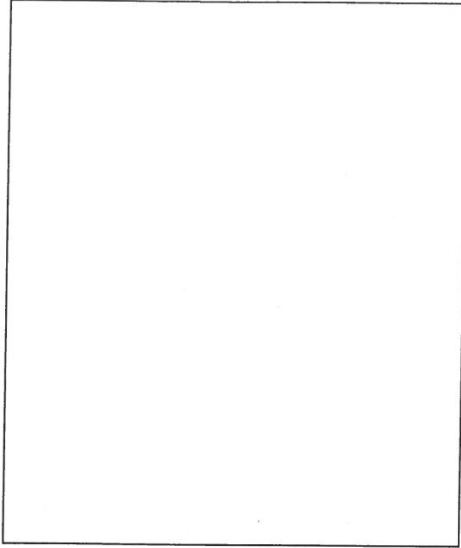
Smith says neither officer made a report but says it was not required. The officers did notify dispatch, she says.



Smith says neither she nor Sheriff Dart was aware deputies had been at the scene until Wednesday evening, when the Chicago Tribune asked.

The FBI contacted the sheriff's officers this past summer. Smith says the officers are cooperating with the investigation.

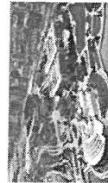
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officer, who fired 16 rounds into the teen.

The video does not support Chicago officers' claims that McDonald, who was carrying a knife, acted aggressively before he was fatally shot.

Dart issued a statement Thursday that, similar to Smith's remarks, tried to sort out the sheriff's department's limited involvement in the case.

The complete statement:

On the evening of October 20th, 2014, two Cook County Sheriff's Police Officers on routine patrol arrived on the scene shortly after the shooting of Laquan McDonald. The officers, Adam Murphy and Jeff Pasqua, offered to assist the Chicago Police Department with traffic control or in securing the scene and were told their assistance was not needed. While at the scene, Officer Murphy was advised an ambulance was en route to provide medical assistance to Mr. McDonald. Officer Murphy.

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